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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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CB - Converted Boxcar  
 B - Boxcar  
 F - Flatcar  
 SSy - Heavy-duty flatcar  
 RRYm- " " "

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                     a train                       
                     carrying 50 tons, which went to Johannegeorgenstadt, and  
 another train                       
                     carrying 230 tons, which went to Chemnitz. 1

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2. Troop trains to Peitz                      on 19 September included a train of 21 cars with artillery pieces and trucks which came from Justerbog; and another train of 5 B and an undetermined number of F with 8 T-34/85 tanks and 4 trucks which came from Luebben. 2

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3. On 22 September, a troop train of 9 B with soldiers, 12 F with 12 x 122-mm guns or 152-mm howitzers, and 21 F with vehicles came from the direction of Gotha and proceeded toward Weissenfels. 3

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4. Troop trains which went from Frankfurt/Oder toward Guben on 19 September included a train of 8 B, 30 F with 6 T-34/85 tanks, 4 x 122-mm SP guns, and 20 armored personnel carriers, and another train of 8 B, 44 F with 4 x 80-mm AT guns and 40 trucks. 4

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5. On 21 September, a troop train of 6 CB, 2 B, 15 F, carrying 600 tons, went from Neubukow to Werneuchen. 5

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6. On 23 September, a troop train of 8 B, 40 F,                      went from Velten to Demmin. 6

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7. Troop trains observed on 15 September included: a train of 10 CB, including 2 CB with uniformed women, and 33 F with 8 new tank trucks,

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[redacted] and 3 repair shop trucks, [redacted] which came from the direction of Falkenberg and went to Kroepelin; and two trains, [redacted] each train of 12 CB, 38 F with 9 x 76-mm AA guns and a searchlight battery, which went from the Magdeburg railroad district.

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Date in September	Composition of Troop Trains	Axles	Tons	From	To
7	14 B, 31 F	160	970	Altengrabow	Neuruppin
8	11 B, 31 F	114	920	"	Templin
9	2 B, 7 F	46	522	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
14	10 B, 35 F	122	964	Bernau	Altengrabow
	3 B, 17 F	62	666	Satzkorn	Haldensleben

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9. On 22 September, a troop train of 6 CB, 1 F, 14 RRym, a troop train of 5 CB, 1 F, 12 RRym, and a troop train of 6 CB, 1 F, 13 RRym went from Netzeband to Doberitz. A shipment of 5 B with field kitchens went from Neuruppin to Doberitz on the same day. On 23 September, an empty troop train of 46 CB was dispatched from Wittenburg to Brest Litovsk for transportation of soldiers from the USSR. 9
10. The following troop trains were observed in the Schwerin railroad district between 21 and 28 September:

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Date in September	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
21	4 CB, 1 B, 15 F	Netzeband	Velton
	4 CB, 1 B, 20 F	Netzeband	Magdeburg
23	5 trains, including 19 CB, 22 F, 79 RRym	Netzeband	Dallgow
27 and 28	5 trains of an undetermined number of cars	Neubukow and Kroepelin	Chemnitz
	1 train of an undetermined number of cars	Neubukow and Kroepelin	Aue
28	2 trains of an undetermined number of cars	Neubukow	Muensdorf

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On 25 and 26 September, Soviet troops were entrained in the Wittstock area. An undetermined number of T-34/85 tanks and SU-76 were loaded at the Schwerin railroad station on 26 September. [ ] 10

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On 25, 26 and 27 September, a total of about 150 troop trains were in operation in the GDR.

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11. On 22 September, three troop trains of 50 converted boxcars each were dispatched from Schwerin to Brest Litovsk. Boxcars which were to be made available for troop trains to Brest Litovsk were converted at Wittenberge and Hagenow. 9

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12. The following troop trains were observed between 22 and 26 September:

Date in September	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
22	4 CB, 1 B, 20 F, 2 SSy with 12x76-mm AA guns and artillery fire directors	Neubukow	Velten
23	8 CB, 1 B, 12 F, 14 SSy with 10 T-34/85 tanks, [ ]	Dranse	Schwerin
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25	9 CB, 2 B, 29 F with [ ]	Hagenow	Berlin railroad district
	undetermined	Hagenow	Berlin railroad district
	10 CB, 4 B, 42 F, with 12x105-mm AT guns, and prime movers, [ ]	Schwerin	Goerriß
	[ ]	Hagenow	Berlin railroad district
	5 CB, 1 B, 31 F with T-34/85 tanks [ ]	Schwerin	Berlin railroad district
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September  
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undetermined

Dranse

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10 CB, 2B, 50 F with  
22 T-34/85 tanks,

Dranse

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On 26 September, three trains, each of 6 CB, 2 B, 27 F, went from Schwerin to Goerries. The trains carried 11 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted]

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and vehicles, [redacted] 4 SU-85. [redacted]  
The rail movement from the Schwerin railroad district to the Berlin railroad district also continued on 27 September.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The receiving stations indicated show that the troop trains carried components of the 6th Gds AAA Div which returned to their home stations after completion of firing practices.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 9th Mecz Div which returned from firing practices in the Jueterbog area.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Except for its composition mentioned in the present report, the troop train was reported twice. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. According to other records, the troop train to Wernauchen on 21 September 1954 [redacted] The troop trains reported in paragraph 7 probably belong to a movement of components of the 6th Gds AAA Div which went to the Wustrow AAA Range on 15 September for short-term field exercises, and, according to paragraph 10, returned to their home station area on 27 and 28 September 1954. Paragraph 10 also indicates that components of the 2d Gds AAA Div from Wuensdorf were probably at Wustrow up to 28 September 1954. The troop train to Velten on 22 September 1954 mentioned in paragraph 12 was previously reported [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Comment. Velten indicates that the troop train carried a component of the 31st AAA Div.

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






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7.  Comment. These troop trains were previously observed. 25X1
8.  Comment. The return movement from Netzeband after termination of the maneuver of the 1st Mecz Div was previously reported. The troop train  indicates that army units of the Second Gds Mecz Army from Schonevalde also participated in this field exercise. 25X1
9.  Comment. The dispatching of empty troop trains toward Brest Litovsk indicates the beginning of the expected personnel exchange movement which, however, is starting three weeks earlier than it did in 1953. 25X1
10.  Comment. The troop trains carried units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps to field exercises. No information on the detraining area in the Berlin railroad district, which must also be the assembling area, is available. 25X1
11.  Comment. Other records indicate that the troop train which carried tanks of the 94th Mtz Rifle Div   25X1  
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